

REMARKS

The Examiner has required an election inasmuch as the Examiner contends that the present application is directed to the following inventions, namely: 1) a separator having a concave blade surface (Group I) represented by claims 2-4 and 9-11, classified in class 83, subclass 636; 2) a separator having a guide pulley and belt member (Group II) represented by claims 5 and 12, classified in class 83, subclass 627; and 3) a separator having a guide rail (Group III) represented by claims 6, 7, and 13, classified in class 83, subclass 821.

In response thereto, Applicant elects Group I, namely claims 2-4 and 9-11 drawn to a separator having a concave blade surface. This election is made without traverse, for the express purpose of expediting prosecution on the merits, and should not be deemed as an admission or agreement with the Examiner relative to his contention.


In light of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that the Application is in *prima facie* condition for allowance at the present time. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application and passage toward issuance thereof.

If any other charges or fees must be paid or credited in connection with this communication, they may be paid out of our Deposit Account No. 50-2131.

Respectfully submitted,

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